

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated antibody substance that inhibits the binding of a protein comprising ~~the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof,~~ to a protein comprising ~~the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The isolated antibody substance according to claim 1, ~~wherein the substance is an antibody having~~ which has the activity of neutralizing cancer cell growth stimulation induced by the binding of a protein comprising ~~the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof,~~ to a protein comprising ~~the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.~~

4. (Currently amended) The isolated antibody substance according to claim ~~1, 2 or 3,~~ wherein the antibody ~~which~~ is a monoclonal antibody.

5. (Currently amended) An agent for preventing/treating cancer, which comprises the ~~substance~~ antibody according to claim 1.

6. (Currently amended) An agent for promoting the apoptosis in cancer cells, which comprises the ~~substance~~ antibody according to claim 1.

7. (Currently amended) An agent for inhibiting the growth of cancer cells, which comprises the ~~substance~~ antibody according to claim 1.

8. (Currently amended) An agent for inhibiting the growth of cancer cells, which comprises ~~a substance~~ an isolated antibody that inhibits the activity of a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

9-14. (Canceled)

15. (Withdrawn) A method of screening a substance that inhibits the binding of (a) a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, to (b) a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, which comprises using (a) said protein, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, and (b) said protein, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

16. (Withdrawn) A kit for screening a substance that inhibits the binding of (a) a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, to (b) a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, which comprises (a) said protein, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, and (b) said protein, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

17. (Withdrawn) A method of screening a substance that inhibits the activity of a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, which comprises using a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

18. (Withdrawn) A kit for screening a substance that inhibits the activity of a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, which comprises a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing/treating cancer, a method of promoting the apoptosis in cancer cells and/or a method of inhibiting the growth of cancer cells, which comprises inhibiting the binding of a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof, to a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

20. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 19, which comprises using an antibody to a protein comprising the same or substantially the same as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

21. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing/treating cancer, a method of promoting the apoptosis in cancer cells and/or a method of inhibiting the growth of cancer cells, which comprises inhibiting the phosphorylation of a protein comprising the same or substantially the same amino acid sequence as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 26, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

22. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 21, which comprises using an antibody to a protein comprising the same or substantially the same as the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 10, its partial peptide or a salt thereof.

23. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing/treating cancer, a method of promoting the

apoptosis in cancer cells and/or a method of inhibiting the growth of cancer cells, which comprises administering to a mammal an effective dose of the substance according to claim 1 or 9.

24. (Withdrawn) Use of the substance according to claim 1 or 9 to manufacture an agent for preventing/treating cancer, an agent for promoting the apoptosis in cancer cells and/or an agent for inhibiting the growth of cancer cells.